

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1953



Annual Report

OF THE
SELECTMEN and TREASURER
OF THE

Town of Dorchester

together with the reports of the
ROAD AGENT and OTHER OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN

for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953

also the

Vital Statistics for the year ending December 31, 1953



The Colby Press, Rumney Depot, N. H.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Credits	Appro.	Expend'd.	Surplus	Overdr't
Town Charges	\$ 132.15	1,000.00	877.17	254.97	
Forest Fire Department	11.52	50.00	34.64	26.88	
Town Maintenance	3,001.51	2,900.00	4,818.44	1,083.07	
Old Age Assistance		1,000.00	1,040.85		40.85
Town Road Aid	2,436.68	365.50	2,797.57		
Reverts to State				4.61	

Town Officers

MODERATOR

Daniel A. MacKenzie

TOWN CLERK

Edith M. MacKenzie

SELECTMEN

Delbert B. Gray

Daniel A. MacKenzie

Paul D. Smith

ROAD AGENT

Ernest Carter

TREASURER

George N. Burnham

TAX COLLECTOR

Harry Quance

RELIEF AGENT

George N. Burnham

HEALTH OFFICER

Charles A. Krahenbuhl

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Daniel A. MacKenzie

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley

Frances A. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICER & DOG CONSTABLE

Isaac H. Burnham

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

James Carter

Ernest J. Hanley

Malcolm D. Merrill

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Isaac H. Burnham

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(LS.) To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Town Road Aid.
5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for the Forest Fire Department.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of publicising and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Civil Defense Activities.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to paint the Town Hall outside and inside.

10. To see if the Town will vote to reopen the road leading from the North Dorchester Road to the Camp Farm. so called, now owned by Miss Ernst.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

13. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

DELBERT B. GRAY,
DANIEL A. MacKENZIE,
PAUL D. SMITH,
Selectmen of Dorchester.

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

DELBERT B. GRAY,
DANIEL A. MacKENZIE,
PAUL D. SMITH,
Selectmen of Dorchester.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$	163,280.00
Electric Plants, Poles and Fixtures		6,156.00
Horses, 16		1,310.00
Cows, 65		7,275.00
Nett Stock, 12		1,155.00
Sheep, 15		150.00
Fur-bearing Animals, 338 Mink		2,704.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		210.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 3		275.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	182,515.00
Soldiers' Exemptions, 9		6,900.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate		
is Computed	\$	175,615.00
Tax Rate	\$ 6.30	
Veterans Exempted from Poll Taxes, 16		32.00

 APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1954

Recommended by Selectmen

Town Charges	\$	1,000.00
Town Maintenance, Summer	\$ 1,500.00	
Winter	1,400.00	2,900.00
Town Road Aid		370.77
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		1,200.00
Forest Fire Department		50.00
Town Note and Interest		1,080.00

APPROPRIATIONS

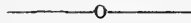
Town Charges	\$	1,000.00
Forest Fire Department		50.00
Town Maintenance, Summer	\$ 1,500.00	
Winter,	1,400.00	2,900.00
Town Road Aid		365.50
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		1,000.00
Annual Payment on Truck and Plow		1,000.00
Interest on Truck and Plow		100.00
County Tax		543.40
School Tax		6,114.78
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 50.00	
from Cash Surplus		
Total Appropriations		13,073.68
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and Dividend Tax		616.57
Railroad Tax		12.61
Savings Bank Tax		16.00
Reimbursement, Exemption, Growing Timber		695.84
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		450.00
Dog Licenses		100.00
Total Revenues and Credits:		1,891.02
		11,182.66
Plus Overlay		5.09
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		11,187.75
Less 62 Poll Taxes at \$2.00		124.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		11,063.75
Poll Tax, 62 at \$2.00		124.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		11,187.75

Town of Dorchester	Assets
Cash:	
In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 6,688.65
Capital Reserve Fund for Repair of Town Hall	50.00
Due from State:	
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs	96.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	444.56
Levy of 1952	5.02
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	353.31
Levy of 1952	32.52
Levy of 1953, State Head Taxes	45.00
Total Assets	\$ 7,715.06
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	1,119.72
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,834.78
Net Debt, December 31, 1952	2,777.10
Net Debt, December 31 1953	1,119.72
Decrease of Debt	\$ 1,657.38

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

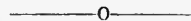
Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Forest Fire Department, Tools	200.00
Highway Department, Equipment	10,300.00
Schools, Land and Buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
	\$ 18,900.00

Town of Dorchester	Liabilities
Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Town Road Agent:	
Winter Highway Money	\$ 1,000.00
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes	70.00
Capital Reserve Fund:	
Capital Reserve Fund	50.00
Due to School District:	
Balance of Appropriation	3,714.78
Long Term Note Outstanding:	
Pemigewasset Nat'l. Bank, for Truck Plow	4,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,834.78
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,834.78



LANDS AND RIGHTS ACQUIRED THRU DEEDS

A. L. Hofmann Est. Mining right on 409	
acres on Kimball Hill	\$ 500.00
Forest L. Colby, Store Lot at Town Hall,	
½ acre	100.00
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	\$ 600.00



TOWN ROAD AID

Town Appropriation	\$ 365.50
State Apportionment	2,436.68
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Total	2,802.18
Payments	2,797.57
Reverted to Free Money of State	4.61

Town of Dorchester	Receipts
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes, 1953	\$ 11,046.41
Poll Taxes, 1953	112.00
Yield Taxes, 1953	195.65
State Head Taxes, 1953	345.00
Yield Taxes, 1952-51	325.68
Tax on Horses, 1952	21.91
Poll Taxes, 1952	14.00
State Head Tax, 1952	40.00
Interest on Taxes and Redemptions	95.71
Penalties on State Head Taxes	6.50
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,367.54
Yield Tax, 1954	4.98
From State:	
For Class 5 Highways	1,831.81
Interest and Dividend Tax	621.03
Railroad & Savings Bank Tax	31.77
Fighting Forest Fires	11.52
Bounties on Bear and Hedgehogs	37.50
Refund, Head Tax Postage	.94
Reimbursement for Loss of Timber Tax	176.21
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	108.80
Pistol Permits	1.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1952 4	5.29
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1953, 81	510.53
Total Receipts	\$ 16,911.78
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	4,220.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 21,132.64

Town of Dorchester	Payments
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General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 582.45
Town Officers' Expenses	271.88
Expenses of Town Hall	18.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Forest Fire Department	34.64
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs	96.00
Health:	
Recording Vital Statistics	4.50
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	365.50
Town Maintenance	4,331.81
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	1,157.98
Unclassified:	
Legal Expenses	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	444.56
Refund to State for Yield Taxes	234.32
Pemigewasset National Bank, Bank Charges	.35
Interest:	
Paid on Long Term Note	100.00
Indebtedness:	
Payment on Long Term Note	1,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund	50.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes to State Treasurer	575.14
Taxes Paid to County	543.40
Payments to School District	4,583.46
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Total Payments	\$ 14,443.99
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	6,688.65
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 21,132.64

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**General Government****Salaries of Principal Town Officers:**

Delbert B. Gray, Selectman	\$ 51.30
Daniel A. MacKenzie, Selectman	69.30
Paul D. Smith, Selectman	80.10
George N. Burnham, Treasurer	25.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, Town Clerk	25.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, Auto Permits	42.50
Harry Quance Tax Collector	244.05
Nellie M. Ashley, Auditor	7.20
Frances A. Hazelton, Auditor	7.20
James Carter, Supervisor	12.80
Ernest J. Hanley, Supervisor	7.20
Malcolm D. Merrill, Supervisor	10.80
Total	<hr/> \$ 582.45

Officers' Expenses:

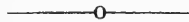
Delbert B. Gray, Expenses	\$ 8.80
Daniel A. MacKenzie, Expenses	24.40
Paul D. Smith, Postage and Expenses	22.14
George N. Burnham, Postage	3.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, Postage	3.50
Harry Quance, Postage and Expenses	5.96
The Colby Press, Town Reports and Supplies	107.66
Delbert B. Gray, Officers Bonds	38.75
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Supplies	18 84
Registry of Deeds, Transfers	7.18
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Guide 1953 & 54	8.00
Reporter Press. Printing	6.00
Record Print. Road Signs	5.00
State of N. H. Civil Defense Car Plates	6.65
Association of N. H. Assesors. Dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, Dues	3.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 271.88

Expenses of Town Hall:

Carl M. Bowles, Wood	\$ 16.00
James Carter, Janitor	2.00
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Total	\$ 18.00

Health:

Edith M. MacKenzie, Recording Vital Statistics	4.50
Respectfully Submitted,	
DELBERT B. GRAY,	
DANIEL A. MACKENZIE,	
PAUL D. SMITH,	
Selectmen of Dorchester	

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****Receipts****Receipts from Auto Permits**

For 1952, 4 Permits	\$ 5.29
For 1953, 81 Permits	510.53
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Total Paid to Treasurer	\$ 515.82

Received from Dog Licenses

26 Males at \$2.00	\$ 52.00
8 Females at \$5.00	40.00
2 Kennels at \$12.00	24.00
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Total	\$ 116.00
Clerk's Fees, 36 at 20 cents	7.20
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Total Paid to Treasurer	\$ 108.80

Respectfully Submitted,
EDITH M. MACKENZIE, Town Clerk

ROAD AGENTS REPORT**Receipts**

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 305.95
Unexpended Balance in Treasury	600.00
Part of 1953 Appropriation	1,900.00
Class 5 Highway Money	1,831.81
Refund of State Gas Tax	41.75
Golding-Keene Co., Plowing Snow	135.00
Ashley Mining Corp., Plowing Snow	60.00
Major A. T. Sawyer, Culvert	27.00

Total Receipts	4,901.51
Payments	4,818.44

Cash Balance, December 31, 1953	83.07
Unexpended Balance in Treasury	1,000.00

Payments

Ernest Carter, Truck and Labor	\$ 1,682.00
George H. Joyce Labor and gravel	198.55
Malcolm D. Merrill Labor and etc.	173.42
Harold Matava, Tractor shovel	42.00
Laurence B. Foster, Tractor	15.00
Labor:	
Adolph W. Delsart,	411.30
Fred L. Goss	200.25
Paul D. Smith	104.85
Albert B. Carter	45.80
Edgar Lachance	32.40
James Carter	28.80
Daniel MacKenzie	26.30
Edwin L. Littlefield	21.60
Leroy E. Willey	21.60
Isaac H. Burnham	13.95
George H. Joyce Jr.	7 20
Walter E Stark, Grader	346.50
Chase Grain Mill, Culverts	307.40

Asa C. Lary, Bridge Plank	265.85
H. Dewey Chase, Bridge Plank	109.05
Town of Lyme, Plowing Snow	30.00
Texaco Filling Station, Gas, Oil, etc	250.20
Shortt s Garage, Chains, Battery, etc.	162.40
Columbian Steel Co., Blades for Snow Plow	82.23
O'Donnell's Body Shop, Town Truck	16.50
Paige Weldng Co., Welding Truck	8.00
A. M. Rand Co., Tools	9.26
Ben B. Foster, Blacksmith	.65
Mrs. Barbara Kalinski, Gravel 1952-53	20.00
William F. Loomis, Gravel	4.00
Kenneth Whitcher, Bridge Timbers	14.80
Delbert B. Gray, Truck Insurance	157.51
Pemigewasset National Bank, Bank Charges	9.07

Total Payments	\$ 4,818.44
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Respectfully submitted.

ERNEST CARTER, Road Agent

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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**Receipts**

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953	\$ 4,220.86
From Selectmen	2,711.78
From Tax Collector	13,575.38
From Town Clerk	624.62
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	\$ 21,132.64

Payments

By order of Selectmen	14,443.99
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1953	\$ 6,688.65

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1953 Warrants, Property and Poll Taxes	\$ 11,187.74
Timber Yield Tax	519.63
State Head Tax	395.00
Added Poll, Interest and Penalties	8.95
	<hr/> 12,111.32
Collected and Paid to Treasurer	\$ 11,706.01
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Abated and Uncollected	405.31
1952 Uncollected:	
Property, Polls, Yield and Head Taxes	\$ 141.15
Interest and Penalties	5.75
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	\$ 146.88
Collected and paid to Treasurer	104.36
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Abated and Uncollected	42.52
1951 Yield Tax Uncollected	\$ 302.96
Interest	22.73
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Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$ 325.69
1952-51 Tax Sales Redeemed	\$ 1,367.54
Interest	66.80
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Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$ 1,434.34
1954 Yield Tax Collected	\$ 4.98
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Total Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$ 13,575.38

Abatements

Gerald A. Clogston, Soldier, Poll & Head Tax	\$ 7.00
Ernest L. & Arlene L. Carter, Head Tax	10.00

Uncollected**Poll and Head Taxes:**

A. W. & M. E. Delsart	\$ 14.00
E. C. & M. M. Willey	14.00
R. E. & V. O. Foster	12.00
T. N. & P. D. Comeau	12.00
Rowe H. Ashley, Head Tax	5.00

Yield Tax:

Isaac H. Burnham	3.77
Eugene E. Currier	.84
Adolph W. Delsart	4.85
George H. Joyce	2.70
Walter A. Malmquist	281.25
Webster D. Tibbetts	20.07
Peter A. Goodrich	10.54
Albert Jarvis, Horses	12.60
Leroy E Willey, Horse	4.73
Fred M. Ames, 1952 Yield Taxes & Horses	32.52

Total of Uncollected Taxes	\$ 430.83
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Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY QUANCE, Collector

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$	50.00
Reimbursement from State		11.52
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Total Receipts	\$	61.52

Payments

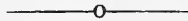
Training Meeting in Lebanon, 4 men	\$	15.48
Posting and Removing Fire Bans		11.60
Posting Fire Signs		4.50
Investigating Fire Report		3.06
Total Payments	\$	34.64
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Balance 26.88

No permits will be issued to burn except on rainy days

Respectfully Submitted,

DANIEL A. MACKENZIE, Fire Warden

**REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT****Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
Federal, State and Town Payments. 7 cases		4,163.25
Payment by Town, 25%		1,040.85
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Overdraft \$ 40.85

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM, Relief Agent

TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund for care of the

Sanborn and Mehitable Blaisdell Lot:

Fund received and deposited March 1930	\$ 66.23
Interest in Bank, April 1, 1952	\$ 22.74
Interest from April 1, 1952 to Apr. 1, 1953	3.34

Total Interest in Bank, (no payment)	\$	26.08
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Scott D. Burley Fund for care of his Lot
in Cheever Cemetery:

Fund received and deposited Sept. 1940	\$ 300.00
Interest on Bank, April 1, 1952	\$ 27.90
Interest from April 1, 1952 to Apr. 1, 1953	12.60

40.50

Payment		9.00
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Total Interest in Bank	\$	31.50
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Capital Reserve Fund for Future Repairs
to Town Hall:

Fund received and deposited Sept. 1953	\$ 50.00
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Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. BURNHAM

Trustee

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Town Clerk, Trustee and Relief Agent, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,

FRANCES A. HAZELTON,

January 16, 1954

Auditors

OFFICIAL REPORTS

School District



Year Ending June 30, 1953

Lawrence A. Willey

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Dorchester qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1954, following the Town Meeting, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said District this 6th day of February, 1954.

STANFORD E. SILER,

ANNIE QUANCE,

MILDRED M. WILLEY,

School Board of Dorchester.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Dorchester School Board:

This is my eleventh and final report as Superintendent of schools in Dorchester. The report is brief and presents a discussion of only three major items for your consideration and information.

The average membership of the Cheever School for the year which ended June 30, 1953, was 15.33. That number included one tuition pupil from the Town of Groton. During the year 1952-53, the total expenditure for elementary school purposes was \$4,772.77. If the total expenditure is divided by the average membership, we find that the per pupil cost was \$311.34. That amount is considerably above the State average per pupil cost. This does not indicate that your school was operated inefficiently or extravagantly. It does mean that with the small number of pupils and the absolutely necessary expenditures that must be made, a high per pupil cost can never be avoided. With the same total expenditure we could easily have taken care of at least ten more pupils which would have made a substantial reduction in the per pupil cost. This experience encountered year after year has given rise to inquiry that has frequently been made of me as to whether it would be cheaper for Dorchester to pay tuition and transportation to some other town. As a matter of dollars and cents only, it undoubtedly would be less expensive but there are other considerations. At the present time, the only other town which has ample space for Dorchester pupils is Wentworth. How long that will be true no one can tell. Rumney is already over-crowded with her own children. If the experience of Dorchester proved similar to that of many other communities, there would be considerable hesitation about giving up the local school. Unless unexpected developments occur, Dorchester seems likely to have a small school

enrollment for a long time.

In the early fall of this year, the School Board placed an order for four new desks and chairs on which December delivery was promised. This is a step in the right direction. In general, the desks and chairs which your children are using should have been thrown away years ago. It is to be hoped that the program of gradual replacement of old school furniture with new will be continued until every Dorchester child has a modern desk and chair suitable for his size.

After several years of waiting and considerable planning, the Cheever School building has been put in good condition. The importance of neat and attractive school surroundings cannot be over-estimated when one considers the effect they have on the attitude and interest of pupils.

During the nearly eleven years of my service in the Dorchester School, more money has been spent on textbook material than for any of the lesser items of school expense. At the present time, changes are under way to bring our textbooks up to date in the fields of reading, spelling, and social studies. All first grade reading material is of the most recent edition and the same will be true of second grade next September. New spelling has been introduced in grades two through five and will be extended through grades six and seven next September. As soon as possible, the gradual replacement of English textbooks by more recent editions should be undertaken. All textbook replacement has to be gradually but steadily accomplished if we are to avoid unusually heavy expenditures in any one year.

The cheerful cooperation of all School Board members has been very much appreciated. The teachers I have worked with in the Cheever School have done their utmost to help children be successful.

Respectfully Submitted, ARTHUR S. ROLLINS

Explanation of Superintendent's Salary

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent as per the following quotation: **REPORTS.** Each superintendent of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report showing the total salary paid to the superintendent, which report shall show in detail the amount derived from the per capita tax and the amount paid directly by each school district in the union."

One half of supervisory union expenses is pro-rated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One half is pro-rated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year, ending June 30. For the school year 1952-53, the superintendent in Union No. 48 received a salary of \$5350 which was made up as follows: \$2275 paid from the per capita tax, and \$3075 pro-rated among the several school districts. An allowance of \$750 for travel within the union was also pro-rated as stated above.

The tabulation below shows the portion of salary and travel charged to each school district.

	Salary	Travel
Wentworth	\$ 148 59	47.25
Woodstock	412.57	122.17
Campton	452.84	145.58
Dorchester	60.73	16 73
Plymouth	1,508.77	262.20
Rumney	322.49,	109.35
Thornton	169 01	46.72
Total	\$3,075.00	\$750.00

\$3,075, Share of districts - 2.275, Share of State from per capita tax. \$5.350, Basic salary of Supt. \$750 travel allowance. —\$6,100 received from State Treas.

Arthur S. Rollins, Supt. of Schools

COMPARATIVE GRADE ENROLLMENT IN CHEEVER SCHOOL

	1952-53	Sept. 1953
Grade I	1	3
Grade II	0	0
Grade III	3	1
Grade IV	3	3
Grade V	1	1
Grade VI	3	1
Grade VII	4	3
Grade VIII	2	4
	17	16

1954-55 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8, Wednesday, School opens

Sept. 17, Friday. school closes—Plymouth Fair

October 12, Tuesday, school closes, Columbus Day

October 14-15, Thurs., Fri., school closes, Teachers' Convention. Nov. 24, Wednesday, school closes at 12:30

Nov. 25-26. school closed, Thanksgiving recess

December 22. Wednesday, school closes at regular time—Christmas Recess. Days of school sessions. 72

January 3, school opens. February 18, school closes for February vacation No. days of school 35

February 28, Monday, school opens. April 22, Friday. school closes for April vacation. Number of days school sessions—40

May 2, Monday, school opens. May 30, Monday, school closes for Memorial Day. June 17, school closes for the year. Number of days of school sessions 34

Total number of days of school for the year. 181 days

Since the two days of Teachers' Convention count as school days, this calendar actually allows for 183 days or three more than the required minimum. Unless more than three days are lost, no time need be made up.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 6,283.46
Tuition from Groton	114.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,397.46

Payments

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers:	\$ 92.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local share)	77.46
Tax for Statewide Supervision	58.00
Salaries of Other Personnel	49 90
Supplies and Expenses	40.68

Instruction:

Teacher's Salary	2,300.00
Text Books	73.14
Scholars' Supplies	66.86

Operation of School Plant:

Janitor's Salary	72.40
Fuel	123.52
Water, Light and Supplies	81.19
Repairs	11.00

Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	89.90
Transportation	1,440.00
Tuition, High School	1,230.59

Fixed Charges:

Retirement	141.72
Insurance, and Treasurer's Bond	67.00

Total Payments	\$ 6,015.36
Cash on hand, June 30. 1952	382.10
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,397.46

SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 127.00
Supt's salary (local share)	65.50
Tax for statewide supervision	44.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	25.00
Supplies and expenses	25.00

Instruction:

Elementary teacher's salary	2,450.00
Books and other instruction aids	50.00
Scholars' Supplies	75.00
Supplies and other expenses	10.00

Operation of School Plant:

Salary of Janitor	75.00
Fuel	125.00
Water, Lights and supplies	100.00

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and replacements	50.00
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Auxiliary Activities.

Health supervision	95.00
Transportation, elem.	1,440.00
Tuition, high	2,320.00
Special activities	9.00

Fixed Charges:

Teacher's retirement	181.74
Insurance, treasurer's bond and exp.	10.00
Contingency Fund, 1%	72.00

Total School Appropriations	\$ 7,349.24
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Estimated Income of School District

Balance	\$	260.00
Elementary school tuition		152.00
Total Receipts (other than taxes)	\$	412.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$	6,937.24
Total	\$	7,349.24

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DISTRICT TREASURER**

Summary**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953**

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952	0000
From Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 6,283.46
From Groton School District	114.00
Void check	43.55
Total amount available for fiscal year	6,441.01
Less School Board's orders paid	6,058.91
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953	\$ 382.10

Respectfully Submitted,

EDITH T. GRAY,

District Treasurer.

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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, and other financial records of the School Board and School Treasurer of Dorchester for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,**FRANCES A. HAZELTON,**

July 1953

Auditors

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Dorchester School Board:

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse which covers the period of the school year 1952-53.

Seventeen children were weighed, measured and inspected and symptoms of these physical defects recorded.

Dental	5
Tonsils	2
Vision	4

Three children had vision corrections through the Sight Conservation Program. No communicable diseases were reported. The children had hearing tests with the Audiometer and none seemed to have hearing loss.

The Marco Audiometer, which was purchased through the subscriptions of organizations within Union No. 48 school district, is proving very adequate in screening children who need medical attention because of poor hearing.

I have made 10 school calls, 12 home calls, and innumerable business and phone calls, and written many letters in carrying on the health program in the schools.

Healthful living, based on the prevention of illness, is being taught by the teachers. As one has said, "To cure is the voice of the past; to prevent, the divine whisper of today."

I thank the School Board, Superintendent, Teachers, Children and Parents for their kind help during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N

Births Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Sex, Condition

Name of Child Date Place of Birth	Male or Female Living Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Male or Female	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother

Color - All White

Apr. 12 Plymouth Sharon Ann Joyce F L 1 George Joyce Jr Muriel A. Willey Dorchester U S Army New Hampshire New Hampshire
 Aug 20 Plymouth Barbara Pearl Willey F L 3 Leroy E. Willey Barbara M Sweeney Dorch. Laborer New Hampshire Massachusetts
 Dec 4 Dorchester Dale Harold Evans M L 2 Benj I Evans Ruth May Meekins Dorchester Woodsman New Hampshire New Hampshire

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Age, Sex, Condition

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother

Sept. 4 Holderness John Thomas Hanley 84 M W Princeton, Me. Lumbering George Hanley Anna Hill
 Nov. 9 Dorchester Lester Brydon Stevens 60 M M Orange, N.H. Lumbering Warren Stevens Phobe Reading

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 EDITH M. MacKENZIE, Town Clerk

